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Senator Tom Casperson, Senate Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes  
Committee Chair

Senator Mike Green, SB 163 Sponsor

Senate Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes Committee Members

**Re: SB 163 (S-3), Wetland Program Reform**

Dear Senator Casperson, Senator Green, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on the wetlands reform bill currently before your committee.

While MUCC has reviewed the substitute language for SB 163 (S-3), we understand that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not currently reviewed the language to ensure that Michigan's wetlands program would be compliant with the EPA audit and regulations.

Our primary concern is that Michigan maintains the assumption of the federal wetland program. At this point, MUCC will reserve taking a position on this legislation until the EPA has reviewed the legislation for compliance with federal regulations.

Thank you for the effort you have put towards this reform, and we look forward to continuing to work with you on it in the near future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 517-346-6462 or [kwood@mucc.org](mailto:kwood@mucc.org).

Sincerely,

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